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FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL ETHIOPIAN NEWS AGENCY TRANSLATION OF THE  
EPMG'S AUGUST 27 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FORMER EMPEROR'S DEATH:

"FORMER EMPEROR DEAD

ADDIS ABABA, AUG. 27 (ENA) -- FORMER EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE WAS FOUND  
DEAD IN BED EARLY TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY  
GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED. HE WAS 83 YEARS OLD.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE FORMER EMPEROR HAD BEEN RECEIVING TREATMENT FOR AN ENLARGED  
PROSTATE GLAND FROM HIS PRIVATE PHYSICIAN, DR. ASRAT WALDEYES, ALONG  
WITH A TEAM OF FOREIGN DOCTORS, FIRST AT HIS SPECIAL RESIDENCE AND  
LATER IN HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED ON. HIS CONDI-  
TION IMPROVED UNTIL RECENTLY.

OF LATE, HOWEVER, THE DOCTORS WHO WERE ATTENDING HIM FOUND HIS  
HEALTH DETERIORATING AND CONTINUED GIVING HIM ADEQUATE TREATMENT.  
AS HIS CONDITION CONTINUED TO DETERIORATE FURTHER, THE FORMER  
EMPEROR ASKED THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO  
BE ALLOWED VISITS BY MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY, AND ACCORDINGLY HIS  
DAUGHTER, TENAGNE-WORK HAILE SELASSIE, AND HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER,  
AIDA DESTA, SPENT AUG. 23, 1975, THE ETHIOPIAN FEAST OF ASSUMPTION,  
THE WHOLE DAY AND NIGHT WITH HIM AND RETURNED TO THEIR RESIDENCE  
THE NEXT DAY.

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AS THE FORMER EMPEROR WAS 83 YEARS OF AGE AND AS HIS ILLNESS  
WORSENER, HE WAS VISITED BY A DOCTOR ON AUG. 25 AND RECEIVED  
TREATMENT THE WHOLE DAY. THE NEXT DAY, AUG. 26, WHEN HIS  
CONDITION WORSENER ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO FIND HIS PRIVATE  
PHYSICIAN, DR. ASRAT WALDEYES, UNTIL 10:30 P.M., BUT HE COULD NOT  
BE LOCATED. DR. ASRAT WAS ASKED TO COME AND SEE THE FORMER  
EMPEROR THIS MORNING TOGETHER WITH OTHER DOCTORS. BUT BEFORE THE  
DOCTORS ARRIVED TO SEE HIM, THE FORMER EMPEROR WAS FOUND DEAD IN  
BED BY HIS PERSONAL ATTENDANT.  
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